





# MEMORANDUM

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BUREAU OF HEALTH RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

TO : Ad Hoc Review Consultants

DATE: May 7, 1974

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SUBJECT: Background Material for Review of RMP Applications for Released  
FY 1973 and FY 1974 Funds

Attached are the following items:

Attachment A: A historical sketch of activities affecting the  
Division of Regional Medical Programs and Regional Medical Programs.

Attachment B: A quick overview of RMPs in each review panel.

Attachment C: A summary outline of key factors for each RMP,  
by Operations Branch.

The historical sketch represents my personal outline of events that I believe are significant for your consideration of applications submitted from RMPs, both the ones you are now reviewing and the ones to be review in July.

The remarkable features of this chain of events is that you and 22 other consultants have agreed to participate in the review; that 53 RMP staffs, RAGs and technical review bodies and CHP agencies have participated in the development of applications; and that a small nucleus of present and past DRMP staff are still on hand to analyze the applications. One final note of good fortune is that the National Advisory Council in June will be at almost full strength; of the 19 members, 11 represent individuals who have been members of the Council or Review Committee, and 3 more represent individuals who have been involved with local RMPs.

The basic plan for review, whether you serve as an individual consultant or act as a Committee, is to have two separate panels with one group reviewing the 28 applications from the South Central and Mid-Continent areas and the other group reviewing the 25 applications, including California, from the Eastern and Western areas. The applications enclosed in this package are assigned to you for review.

A draft agenda for the May 22, 23 and 24 meeting and a review guide for your use in studying the applications will be mailed in a few days.

In the meantime, thank you very much for your help.

HISTORICAL SKETCH--DRMP - RMPs

Situation from June 1973 to Present

HEADQUARTERS--DRMP-RMPS

Herbert B. Pahl, Ph.D.  
Acting Director

Cleveland R. Chambliss  
Acting Deputy Director  
Services as Director in  
Dr. Pahl's absence

RMPS placed organizationally in  
Bureau of Health Services Research,  
Health Resources Administration  
July 1973 - January 1974

RMPS (renamed DRMP) transferred  
functionally to Bureau of Health  
Resources Development in  
January 1974

DRMP, CHP, Hill-Burton placed  
organizationally under Acting  
Associate Director for Health  
Resources Planning--Mr. Eugene  
Rubel, who also heads CHP

DRMP staff reduced from 250 in  
FY 1973 to 129 in FY 1973.  
Present staff now 88.

March 1974: Proposed decen-  
tralization of headquarters  
functions to ten DHEW Regional  
Office. No effective date announ-  
ced as yet.

THE FIELD--RMPs

56 RMPs reduced to 53, with  
Northeast Ohio, Ohio and  
Delaware Valley phased out.

Sept. 1: Emergency FY 1974 funds  
awarded to eight RMPs originally  
slated for phase-out before  
Sept. 1973.

Sept. 7: RMPs notified to submit  
two applications in five option  
areas for FY funds on Oct. 1 and  
Nov. 1.

Sept.: RMPs sue Government.

Oct. 1: \$17.1M now obligated from  
FY 1974 funds to 53 RMPs.

Nov. 1973: Council reviewed applica-  
tions from 53 RMPs for \$24.1M to  
maintain programs from Jan.-June 1974.  
Option restrictions lifted.

Dec. 1973: Staff reviews requests  
for carryover from Oct. 1 awards.

Jan. 1974: Awards to 53 RMPs for  
period Jan.-June 1974.

Feb. 7: Court decision rendered  
that Government should release  
FY 1973 and FY 1974 funds to 53 RMPs.

March: DRMP rescinds all phase-out  
instructions including restrictions  
on previously awarded funds. Period  
extended to June 1975 for all RMPs.

March: RMPs advised of two submission  
dates for applications--May 1 & July 1;  
RMPs reminded of importance of CHP  
review and comment, and need for involve-  
ment in health resources development.

HISTORICAL SKETCH--DRMP - RMPs

Situation As Of May 6, 1974

HEADQUARTERS--DRMP (RMPS)

About \$109M available for awards--  
July 1, 1974 and Sept. 1, 1974.  
\$4.2M earmarked for arthritis  
with separate applications and  
separate review.

No restrictions other than those  
related to existing policy and new  
legislation (i.e., EMS and HMO);  
encouragement to develop program  
activities geared toward needs  
represented by proposed legisla-  
tion for health resources  
planning.

THE FIELD--RMPs

53 applications submitted on May 1;  
requests total approximately \$114M.  
Ohio projects included in Western  
Pennsylvania and Ohio Valley  
applications.

7 RMPs request only continuation  
funding, will apply for funds to  
initiate new activities in July.

7 RMPs request funds for entire  
program needs for next year; will  
not request additional funds in  
July.

39 RMPs request combination of  
funds for continuation of staff,  
projects, and new activities.

46 RMPs will submit applications  
in July for funds for new activities.

QUICK OVERVIEW: DRMP AD HOC REVIEW

Panel A: South Central and Mid-Continent Areas

28 Applications: Total \$65.5 million

1 Continuation Request only

23 Continuation and New Activities

4 One-time applications; nothing in July

24 Applications expected in July

12 of 28 RMPs have had new Coordinators since phase-out was announced

1 RMP has had Council site visit since 1/74

19 RMPs have had staff visits since 1/74

2 for Review Verification

6 for Management Surveys with 2 more pending

12 for other Technical Assistance

Panel B: Eastern and Western Areas

25 Applications: Total \$48.2 million

6 Continuation Requests only

16 Continuation and New Activities

3 One-time applications; nothing in July

22 Applications expected in July

6 of 25 RMPs have had new Coordinators since phase-out was announced

3 RMPs have had Council site visits since 1/74

22 RMPs have had staff visits since 1/74

12 for Review Verification

6 for Management Surveys

6 for other Technical Assistance